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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT:

Weekly Report for March 11 - March 22, 2002

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **FBI Computer System Security:** A briefing on the Trilogy program and other ongoing and planned changes to FBI computer systems, information security measures, and other administrative issues is scheduled for Senate Intelligence Committee staff for March 20. (Walter)
- **FBI -- McVeigh Documents:** Senate Judiciary has scheduled a hearing for March 21 to review the findings of the Inspector General's report on the delayed identification of documents related to the McVeigh prosecution; anticipated witnesses include DOJ Inspector General Glenn Fine, FBI Executive Assistant Director for Administration Robert Chirardio, and others. (Walter)
- **Hiring of Legal Immigrants:** On March 21, the House Immigration Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "INS and OSC: Is the Government Preventing American Employers From Hiring Legal Immigrants?" The Subcommittee has requested a witness from INS and from the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-related unfair employment practices. Witnesses have not yet been identified. (D. Burton)

THIS WEEK

- **Espionage:** On March 11, Criminal Division and FBI representatives are scheduled to provide a closed briefing update on FBI security and foreign counter intelligence issues related to the Hanssen case for Senate Intelligence Committee staff. (Walter)
- **PENTTBOM:** On March 11, FBI and CIA representatives are scheduled to provide a closed briefing for Senate Intelligence Committee members about ongoing administration intelligence activities related to the 9/11 attacks. (Walter)
- **NarcoTerror: The World Wide Connection Between Drugs and Terrorism:** On March 13, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information will hold a hearing on "NarcoTerror: The World Wide

Connection Between Drugs and Terrorism." Possible witnesses are DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson, Assistant Under Secretary of State Rand Beers, and Under Secretary of Treasury for Enforcement Jimmy Gurule. (Estrada)

LAST WEEK

- **PENTTBOM/Counter Terrorism:** The House Intelligence Committee Budget Subcommittee hearing on the FY 2002 counter terrorism supplemental was held on March 5. A closed Member briefing for the Senate Intelligence Committee is scheduled for March 13. (Walter)
- **Nominations:** On March 5, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Robert Flores, to be Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Jeanette Clark, to be a D.C. Superior Court Judge.

At the Senate Judiciary Committee markup on March 7, there was substantial debate about the nomination of Charles Pickering, which was held over by Senator Hatch. Following the debate, the Committee approved the following judicial nominees: Ralph Beistline, to be a U.S. District Judge for the District of Alaska; David C. Bury, to be a U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona; and Randy Crane, to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. The Committee also approved: Eric Melgren, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas; Paul Perez, to be U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida; Theophile A. Duroncelet, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana; John Edwards, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Vermont; Steven G. Fitzgerald, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin; Gregory Forest, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina; James L. Kennedy, to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana; Dennis Merrill, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Oregon; James Plousis, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of New Jersey; J.C. Rafferty, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia; Charles R. Reavis, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina; Michael R. Regan, to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania; James A. Rose, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Wyoming; John Schickel, to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Jesse Seroyer, to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama; Timothy D. Welch, to be U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma; and William R. Whittington, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana.

We anticipate that the nomination of Larry Greenfeld, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be on the agenda for the next nominations hearing to be held during the week of March 18. (Scott-Finan)

- **Trafficking In Persons:** On March 7, Assistant Attorney General Viet Dinh testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs on implementation of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. (D. Burton)